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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AMBASSADOR WHITE'S EXPLANATION OF
VOTE (BEFORE VOTE) IN UN'S FOURTH COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 11:

1. MR. CHAIRMAN:

MY DELEGATION WILL VOTE IN FAVOR OF THIS RESOLUTION,
BUT WITH A GREAT DEAL OF RELUCTANCE BECAUSE THERE ARE
MANY ELEMENTS IN THE RESOLUTION WHICH WE FIND
OBJECTIONABLE.

2. WE CONSIDER THAT THE ADMINISTERING POWER HAS ADEQUATELY
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AND FULLY MADE CLEAR ITS COMMITMENT TO THE EXERCISE OF

SELF-DETERMINATION IN THE SPANISH SAHARA. SEVERAL OF THE PARAS IN THIS RESOLUTION SEEM TO IMPLY THE OPPOSITE, WHICH ADDS AN ELEMENT OF PREJUDICE TO THIS RESOLUTION. IN FACT, THE INVITATION TO SPAIN TO SUSPEND ITS PLANNED REFERENDUM RUNS AGAINST THE SPIRIT OF THE RESOLUTION ON THIS SUBJECT ADOPTED AT THE 28TH GA.

3. WE WILL VOTE FOR THIS RESOLUTION SOLELY BECAUSE ITS MAJOR THRUST IS TO REFER THE QUESTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE FOR AN ADVISORY OPINION. UNFORTUNATELY, OTHER FEATURES OF THE RESOLUTION ARE NOT IN KEEPING WITH THE SIMPLE, NON-PREJUDICED REFERRAL TO THE COURT, IN TERMS ACCEPTABLE TO THE PARTIES, THAT WE WOULD HAVE STRONGLY PREFERRED.

4. PARTIES TO THE QUESTION ARE CLOSE FRIENDS OF THE UNITED STATES AND WE VALUE OUR FRIENDSHIP AND CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH THEM VERY HIGHLY. THAT IS THE REASON THAT THE UNITED STATES PROFUNDLY REGRETS, ESPECIALLY IN THIS INSTANCE, THAT A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE RESOLUTION OR CONSENSUS COULD NOT BE NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THEM.

5. WHAT WE WOULD WISH FOR NOW IS THAT THE MATTER CAN BE RESOLVED BETWEEN THEM IN AMIABLE NEGOTIATIONS AND IN AN OPEN AND COMPROMISING SPIRIT WHICH WILL SATISFY THEM AND THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE SPANISH SAHARA.

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